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Subject: Re: "Kansas' Decision To Scrap Ozone Monitor Spurs Debate Over Precedent" ...

Call me and I can give you the details. I'll be in later today. It's a complicated issue and the story in the press is a little inaccurate.

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Any insights here or broader perspectives?
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TO: NGC Team

Thought some might find this ambient air monitoring network-related article interesting.

Kansas' recent role in prompting the termination of an ozone air quality monitor that is part of a key EPA monitoring network is spurring debate over the precedent it might set for other states, with environmentalists and an EPA source fearing other states might try to shutter additional monitors, though other officials say Kansas' situation is unique.

The ozone monitor, located on the 9,000-acre Konza Biological Research Station, KS, was part of CASTNET, an agency program launched in 1991 that now includes nearly 90 air stations across the United States that collect long-term air quality data to track changes in a number of air pollutants, including ozone. According to EPA's website, the only CASTNET site in Kansas is located at the Konza research site.

Although state officials have no direct control over the location of CASTNET sites, which are funded by EPA and run by agency contractors, private landowners where the monitoring stations are located can ask EPA to remove the monitors, which is what sources say recently happened in Kansas.

An official at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) said that earlier this year the state approached the landowner where the monitoring station was operating with concerns that ozone data collected at the site had recently started to be used for regulatory compliance purposes, rather than for research as it had originally been installed.

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